# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6110
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REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that disabled persons particularly in Gujarat are most neglected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has spent only Rs. 1.45 crore out of sanctioned outlay of Rs. 7.44 crore so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of disabled persons through employment generating schemes?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. The utilization of funds is measured on the basis of the Revised Estimates and actual expenditure. Thus, out of revised estimate of funds of Rs.3.05 crore allotted to the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD) during the 9th Five Year Plan period, an amount of Rs.1.49 crore was spent. Major reason for non-utilisation of the funds was that the office of CCD could be set up only by the middle of the 9th Plan due to administrative procedure involved in getting required clearances/ approvals.

(e) The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for 3% reservation in the vacancies for persons with disabilities in identified posts in the Central and State Govt. organizations. The Government has set up a Committee to review the list of identified posts to improve employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in Government. The Govt. has been supporting the Vocational Training Centres and Vocational Rehabilitation Centres to train the persons with disabilities for employment. National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC) provides loans on soft terms through State Channelising Agencies to persons with disability for self-employment and income generating activities. A number of workshops have been planed in collaboration with NHFDC and State Govts. to sensitize the Non-Governmental Organizations and to encourage persons with disabilities to take up self employment ventures. Two workshops have been conducted so far.